

What's New in the MPDC

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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE, IN STATIONS

Information on registered sex offenders who live, work or attend school in the District of Columbia became available this week through the MPDC's Web site and in hard copy format at district stations and other police facilities.

Pursuant to a February 28 U.S. District Court ruling, the on-line registry currently includes only "Class A" offenders – those convicted, or found not guilty by reason of insanity, of the most serious offenses covered by the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1999. The hard-copy binders available at 15 police facilities

located throughout the District include information on all registered sex offenders (Class A, B and C). Under DC law, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency is responsible for the registration of all sex offenders, while the MPDC is responsible for public notification. The registry includes photographs and descriptive information of registered sex offenders who have been released into the community, along with block-level address information and data about the offender's criminal conviction. To access the on-line registry site – which includes child safety tips, definitions of offenses, reminders on how to use the registry and other frequently asked questions – click on:

Find out the locations of the police facilities that have hard-copy binders of the Sex Offender Registry by going to:

www.mpd.org
(Click on Sex Offender Registry)

www.mpd.org/registry

COMMUNITY POLICING CALENDARS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

If you have a public safety meeting that you would like listed on the MPDC's Web site, please e-mail mpdc_org@excite.com, or call 202-727-2663.

A key component of the MPDC's "Policing for Prevention" strategy is the PSA meeting. This is a regular opportunity for residents, business owners and other community stakeholders to meet with the police officers and officials assigned to their Police Service Area. The purpose of these meetings is to identify crime and disorder problems and develop strategies for solving them. In some neighborhoods, this PSA meeting is incorporated into other meetings regularly held in the community, including meetings sponsored by ANCs, civic

associations and other groups. Each month, the MPDC posts on-line calendars of public safety meetings taking place in each of the seven police districts. To access the calendar for your district, go to the following link and click on the appropriate police district, then click on "District Calendar:"

www.mpd.org (Click on Districts and PSAs)

WRAP OFFERS FREE CAB RIDES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This St. Patrick's Day, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) is offering free cab rides home for those who have had too much to drink on Saturday, March 17. The SoberRide toll-free number is 1-800-200-TAXI (#TAXI for AT&T Wireless users). To learn more about SoberRide, click on the WRAP Web site:

www.soberride.com

CHIEF REPORTS TO COUNCIL ON MPDC PERFORMANCE

Despite pressures created by a freeze on hiring both sworn officers and civilian employees, Chief Ramsey reported this week that the MPDC continues to make progress on its goals of putting more officers on the street, better training and equipping them, and enhancing community policing. In testimony before the DC Council's Judiciary Committee, the Chief reported that during the first five months of fiscal year 2001, the Department was not given authority to hire any new police officers, causing the force to drop by nearly 100 officers. Still, the MPDC is maintaining a stronger police presence through a variety of initiatives: the redeployment of officers in specialized and administrative assignments, the use of the "Mobile Force," the creation of a Narcotics Strike Force and the scheduling of more officers on evenings and weekends when crime and calls for service are highest. In addition to reporting on recent progress, the Chief laid out his priorities for the coming year: improvements in criminal investigations (resulting in a higher homicide closure rate), enhanced customer service and continued implementation of new technology. You can read the text of Chief Ramsey's complete statement to the Council at:

www.mpdc.org (Click on News)

MPDC, OTHER AGENCIES SIGN MOU TO ENHANCE CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

On Wednesday, Mayor Williams was joined by Chief Ramsey and representatives of other DC agencies involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases in signing a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that ensures all agencies will work cooperatively and in a manner that supports child victims. The new MOU expands the number of participating agencies and reflects the organizational changes that have occurred in the agencies since the original agreement was crafted. The MOU lays out specific protocols for reporting child abuse; joint agency response to allegations of child sex abuse; medical examinations; forensic interviews with children; videotaping of interviews, and follow-up team reviews to track case progress and trouble-shoot problems. For more information, including a link to the complete text of the MOU, click on:

The Child and Family Service Agency operates a hotline for reporting child abuse and neglect in the DC. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 202-671-SAFE.

www.mpdc.org (Click on News)

MPDC SEEKS CIVILIAN FLEET SERVICES MANAGER

The MPDC is accepting applications for a Fleet Services Manager. This civilian employee will coordinate all phases of fleet services on behalf of the Department, with a strong emphasis on administering the MPDC's fleet services contract and monitoring the activities of the contract provider. Among other qualifications, applicants must have at least one year of specialized experience in this area. This position is part of the Management Supervisory Service; the salary range is \$68,570 - \$89,142 per year. For complete information about the Fleet Services Manager position, including how to apply, go to:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Career Opportunities)

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kmorison_mpdc@excite.com.

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